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#### HUNCHAKS ASSAIL RAMGAVARS FOR ADOPTING NEW PRO-WEST POLICY

According to recent reports published in three Armenian Hunchak newspapers, manifestations of a significant change in the policies of the Armenian Democratic Liberal Party (Ramgavars) have emerged. The new official organ of the Ramgavar Party in Paris, Aesor, has been widely accused of deviating from its traditional party platform. It claims to be a continuation of the now defunct daily newspaper Abaka, the former official organ of the Ramgavar Party in France. It also claims to be nonpartisan. The pro-Communist Hunchak Party, hitherto maintaining amicable relations with the Ramgavars, has attacked the latter for drifting toward the West, collaborating with the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (Dashnaks), and turning against the Armenian SSR.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.

The Ramgavar Party leadership in Beirut has assumed the ridiculous logic of shutting its eyes to avoid being seen. Before pointing out the "defects" of the Hunchak Party, let the Ramgavars correct their own political corruption. In Egypt, they have been organizing celebrations in honor of 28 May (the date of Armenia's declaration of independence in 1918); in France, they are cooperating with the enemies of Armenia, the Dashnak traitors; while in the US, they are becoming apologists for Truman's "democracy." Changes have indeed taken place. But it is the Ramgavars, not the Hunchaks, who are now wavering in their policies. (1)

The new Ramgavar organ in Paris, Aesor, which claims to be a continuation of the former daily newspaper, Abaka, represents a radical shift in that party's policy. Inasmuch as the paper's existence was made possible by the granting of funds and machinery from outside sources, especially from the US, the editors are no longer free to express their own convictions.

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Ever since Armenia joined the Soviet Union, the Ramgavars had been loyal defenders of the republic. Their aim had been to emancipate the Armenian communities from Turkish enslavement, foreign domination, and Dashnak influence. However, Aesor has made it clear that the Ramgavars are now rallying to the defense of the Dashnak traitors.(2)

Today, even the most unassuming Ramgavar is convinced that the leaders who speak in the name of Aesor openly seek to prevent our Armenian community from participating in patriotic activities. Drop by drop, they hope to inject into our veins the deadly poison of Armenia's enemies.

The new Ramgavar organ has begun to proclaim its new slogan of "solidarity" which, in the final analysis, signifies an alliance with enemy conspirators, the former Hitlerite Dashnaks. This "solidarity" could not take root with any group other than the warmongers -- the executioners of the Korean people, whom the "nonpartisan" Aesor now calls "heroes."

There is no "middle road" between supporting Armenia and attacking it. It is not possible to remain "neutral" on the Armenian issue without becoming an accomplice of that nation's enemies. How can we disavow the struggle for peace throughout the world when the interests of the Armenian people are so closely bound to it? Ultimately, this "neutrality" can only contribute to the interests of those who desire war.(3)

The new "middle-road" policy of the Ramgavars has assumed a Western orientation. The Ramgavars are slowly becoming a tool of foreign powers. Their official organ in Paris, Aesor, is replete with articles and political advertisements contributed by the Hitlerite Dashnaks. Its editorials seem to echo the dictates of the West.

Nevertheless, we are certain that the vast majority of the sincere Ramgavars will not be swayed by this new traitorous maneuver. Our Ramgavar friends will not tolerate such antipatriotic deviation. On the contrary, they will re-establish their traditional pro-Soviet-Armenia policy and again defeat the sordid Dashnak attempt to destroy the Ramgavar-Hunchak coalition. Therein lie the true interests of the Armenian people.(4)

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